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Many Glacier Hotel Historic Structures Report Now Available to the Public *Report is accessible online at Glacier National Park's website*

WEST GLACIER, MONT. - Glacier National Park officials announced today the release of the Many Glacier Hotel Historic Structures Report. The report is available online at www.NPS.gov/glac/history.htm.

The National Historic Landmark hotel, built between 1914 and 1917, has been deteriorating for decades, with failing foundations, collapsing balconies, defective mechanical and electrical systems, and leaking roofs and windows. In an effort to save and restore the building, the National Park Service (NPS) has been working with Glacier Park, Inc., the park concessionaire, to develop a financially sound, phased restoration approach. To facilitate the initiation and development of the rehabilitation approach, Glacier National Park applied for a grant from the Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation. The fund, administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, was created to help save historic places across the country. In May 1997, it approved a grant of \$8,000 to the park for development of a Historic Structures Report for the Many Glacier Hotel.

This report is a planning document used in the management of historic buildings. Historic Structures Reports are prepared when activities are considered that might affect the qualities and characteristics that qualify a property for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. These reports are intended to provide information about the character-defining features that contribute to the hotel's significance as a National Historic Landmark.



This Historic Structures Report focuses on the value of the Many Glacier Hotel as a National Historic Landmark and on the treatments and actions needed to preserve and maintain the hotel's historic and architectural significance. Part One, "Developmental History," describes the hotel's original architecture, major changes that have taken place over time, and its character-defining features. Part One also summarizes the results of the Many Glacier Hotel condition assessment that documents its building code deficiencies and current state. Part Two, "Treatment and Use," identifies the solutions that would be required, or are desirable, to support the building's long-term preservation and use as a National Historic Landmark hotel. Part Two analyzes those treatment and use alternatives currently under consideration, for their consistency with the long-term preservation of the building's integrity.

The hotel is now in the process of its Phase II rehabilitation, and for more information please see the previous press release on the Many Glacier Hotel Rehabilitation at:
<http://www.nps.gov/glac/whatsnew/presso2.htm>.

The long-term preservation of the Many Glacier Hotel as a National Historic Landmark and internationally famous visitor destination will depend on continuing to find the fiscal resources necessary to correct its building code deficiencies and rehabilitate the hotel. Currently, there are only enough funds to finance through Phases II and III. These phases include rehabilitating the hotel's exteriors including the siding, balconies, doors, windows and roof. The historic elevator in Annex II will also be rehabilitated. This work started on Sept. 9, 2002 and is scheduled for completion in December 2003.

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